

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

CT PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE AUTHORITY

Notice of Intent to Adopt Revisions to the Private Plan Policies and Procedures Document

In accordance with sections 1-121 and 31-49h of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority (“hereinafter the CT Paid Leave Authority”) intends to adopt revisions to their Private Plan Policy and Procedure document, which provides details related the process to apply for and the rules for administering a private CT Paid Leave plan as an alternative to the public program. The proposed revisions consist of the following:

- Updates to the order of provisions within the document;
- Clarification to the process of applying for, administering, and terminating private plans;
- Removal of unnecessary language;
- Imposition of additional requirements for employers regarding application for and changes to the private plan; and
- Updates to the penalties for non-compliance.

To request a copy of the proposed revised Private Plan Policy and Procedures document, please email michael.cisar@ct.gov, including “Revised Private Plan Policy and Procedures” in the subject line.

To submit comments regarding the Revised Private Plan Policy and Procedures document, please email the comments to michael.cisar@ct.gov. All written comments regarding the revisions must be submitted by September 22, 2023.

CT PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE AUTHORITY

Notice of Intent to Adopt Revisions to the Finance and Accounting Policies

In accordance with sections 1-121 and 31-49h of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority (“hereinafter the CT Paid Leave Authority”) intends to adopt revisions to their Finance and Accounting policies, which provide details related to the financial practices of the CT Paid Leave Authority. The proposed revisions consist of updates to provisions relating to the following:

- Delegation of responsibilities;
- Description of the software used for accounting;
- The process for approving expenses;
- Fund recovery efforts;
- Actuarial reporting;
- Deadlines;

- Budgeting; and
- Penalties and interest.

Additionally, the revisions include the correction or removal of outdated language.

To request a copy of the proposed revised Finance and Accounting Policies, please email michael.cisar@ct.gov, including “Revised Finance and Accounting Policies” in the subject line.

To submit comments regarding the Revised Finance and Accounting Policies, please email the comments to michael.cisar@ct.gov. All written comments regarding the revisions must be submitted by September 22, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 23-AG: Chronic Disease Hospitals – Supplemental Payment

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Public comment information is at the bottom of this document.

Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after September 1, 2023, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-A of the Medicaid State Plan to make a one-time supplemental payment of \$1.2 million to free-standing licensed chronic disease hospitals, as defined in section 19a-550 of the Connecticut General Statutes, with Medicaid inpatient utilization exceeding 50% for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022. The purpose of this SPA is to support continued access and quality for these services.

Estimated Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this SPA will increase annual aggregate expenditures by \$1,200,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

This proposed SPA is posted on the DSS web site at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicaid-State-Plan-Amendments>. The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office, at the Town of Vernon Social Services Department, or upon request from DSS (see below). When feasible and relevant, the versions of the SPA pages posted to that webpage include track changes indicating this SPA’s proposed changes to the current version of the Medicaid State Plan.

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov or write to: Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105. Please reference “SPA 23-AG: Chronic Disease Hospitals – Supplemental Payment”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about the SPA. **Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than September 21, 2023.**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)

SPA 23-AH: Non-Governmental Independent Financially Distressed Hospitals – Outpatient Supplemental Payment

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Proposed Changes to Medicaid State Plan

Effective on or after September 1, 2023, this SPA will amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to provide for outpatient supplementals payment to non-governmental independent licensed short-term general hospitals that are financially distressed, defined as having average total returns of less than -3% for the five-year period ending September 30, 2021. Such hospitals will receive supplemental payments totaling \$5 million in state fiscal year (SFY) 2024, of which \$2.5 million will be paid on or before September 30, 2023 and another \$2.5 million shall be paid after the State of Connecticut receives and approves the hospital's feasibility plan that meets the requirements in subsection (a) of section 50 of Public Act 23-204. In addition, such hospitals will receive a supplemental payment of \$2 million during SFY 2025, which shall be provided only if the State of Connecticut certifies that the hospital is making progress towards implementation of the Feasibility Plan with a clear path to financial viability.

The purpose of this SPA is to comply with state law in section 50 of Public Act 23-204 and to provide assistance to qualifying hospitals in providing access to quality services, including through development and implementation of the feasibility plan referenced above.

Estimated Fiscal Impact

DSS estimates that this will increase annual aggregate expenditures by approximately \$5,000,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 and \$2,000,000 in SFY 2025.

Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments

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